GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - RMSA – Providing certain exemptions and concessions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in SSC examinations and other examinations of classes VI to X –Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (Prog.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 14 Dated: 31-01-2019

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No. 33, Education (Exams) Dept., dated 19.03.2001
2. G.O Ms.No.34 (Education (SE-Exams) Dept., dated 05.03.2004
3. From the Commissioner of School Education AP., Lr.Rc.No.483/RMSA/ IEDSS/2018, dated:18.12.2018.

ORDER:-

In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of School Education, AP. has stated that every child/student needs to successfully complete his/her Secondary Education which is one of the objectives of the Samagra Shiksha. The enrolment of CwSN is declining from class to class. Particularly huge dropout rate is noticed from classes IX to X. Keeping in view of the RTE Act-2009 and Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD Act)–2016, it is necessary to provide certain exemptions and concessions to the CwSN to retain them in schools and encourage them to complete their secondary education successfully. She has further stated that Government had issued orders on certain exemptions to the Physically Handicapped candidates for appearing 7th Class and 10th Class common - Public Examinations in the reference 1st read above and also certain exemptions for students with Dyslexia in the reference 2nd read above.

2. The Commissioner of School Education AP. has further stated that several representations have been received from parents, teachers & Head Masters for extension of some more concessions to the CwSN. She has further stated that representation was received from Inclusive Education Resource Teachers of SSA with a request to provide exemptions and concessions to the CwSN as they are being implemented at Intermediate Level in the State since 2011 as per the orders issued vide Rc.No.81/E2-3/2010-11, dated:-08.04.2011. Owing to non-issue of said exemptions and concessions to these CwSN at SSC level, CwSN are discontinuing their studies. Hence, the IERTs, parents have requested to extend the exemptions and concessions to the CwSN as issued at Intermediate Level and see that every CwSN does not discontinue their studies and shall complete their SSC Examination.

3. The Commissioner of School Education, A.P. has further stated that a State Level “Consultation meeting was organised on 09.10.2018 with the Officers, professionals from National Institutes, Head Masters, Teachers, subject experts and parents of CwSN at O/o CSE, AP, for discussing the issues of providing concessions and exemptions to the CwSN of ID, CP & ASD alongwith Visual Impairment & Hearing Impairment and Learning Disabilities in SSC Examinations”. Accordingly, the following are the resolutions evolved from the experts for the benefit of the CwSN:-

Common Exemptions & Concessions to the below mentioned disability types of CwSN:-

i. The proposed concessions & exemptions are applicable to CwSN of classes VI to X in all schools in the State.
ii. Examination fee to be exempted to all CwSN to encourage their turnout in SSC examinations.
iii. 20 minutes additional time to be allotted for every one hour not exceeding 60 minutes in each examination.
iv. Jumbling for examination purpose is to be abolished for all CwSN and recommended to allot the same school as examination Centre or nearby Centre.

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v. Scribe/Adult Prompter for the CwSN of one lower class student to be provided (as per requirement).
vi. Trained teachers concerned should be drafted for examination work like invigilation, valuation etc.

Disability Specific Exemptions & Concessions:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Disability	Exemptions & Concessions to be provided from the academic year: 2018 -19
(1)	(2)	(3)
01	Blind	a. The qualifying criteria and pass marks in examinations should be reduced from 35 to 20 (Thirty five to Twenty) marks for all subjects to students with Blindness from classes VI to X. b. For the purpose of valuation, like Grammatical mistakes and punctuation errors etc., shall be ignored. c. To provide suitable assistive devices (Abacus, Tyler frame) etc. as per the requirement.
02	Hearing Impairment	a. The qualifying criteria and pass marks in final examinations, i.e., classes VI to X should be reduced from 35 to 20 (Thirty five to Twenty) marks for all subjects to students with Hearing impairment. b. Students with Hearing Impairment to study only one Language out of three. c. For the purpose of valuation, like Grammatical mistakes and punctuation errors etc., shall be ignored. d. To provide suitable assistive devices etc. as per requirement.
03	Specific Learning Disabilities	a. Exemption from writing 3rd language paper to students with Learning Disabilities. b. For the purpose of valuation, like Grammatical mistakes and punctuation errors etc., shall be ignored. c. A concession of 20 (Twenty) marks for single subject or 20(Twenty) marks divided totally among all subjects would be given to a student who do not get minimum qualifying marks in his/her examinations from classes VI to X. d. To provide suitable assistive devices viz., calculator etc., as per requirement.
04	Intellectual Disability (Mental Retardation)	a. The qualifying criteria and pass marks in examinations should be reduced from 35 to 10 (Thirty five to Ten) marks for all subjects to students with Intellectual Disability of classes VI to X b. For the purpose of valuation, like grammatical mistakes and punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored. c. To provide suitable assistive devices like calculators etc. as per requirement.
05	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	a. The qualifying criteria and pass marks in examinations should be reduced from 35 to 10 (Thirty five to Ten) marks for all subjects to students with ASD of classes VI to X. b. For the purpose of valuation, like Grammatical mistakes and punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored. c. Separate answer scripts (Thick paper) to be provided to their examinations. d. To provide suitable assistive devices like calculators etc., as per requirement.

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06	Cerebral Palsy (CP)	a. The qualifying criteria and pass marks in examinations should be reduced from 35 to 10(Thirty five to Ten) marks for all subjects to students with Cerebral Palsy of classes VI to X. b. For the purpose of valuation, like Grammatical mistakes and punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored. c. Separate answer scripts (Thick paper) to be provided to their examinations. d. To provide suitable assistive devices like calculators and facilities like appropriate chair & table etc.
07	Low Vision (LV)	To provide suitable assistive devices like magnifiers, optical devices, calculators as per requirement from classes VI to X.
08	Orthopedically Impaired (OI)	a. Scribe to be provided for the students with Orthopedically Impaired whose upper limbs are affected. b. To provide suitable facilities like appropriate chair & table.

4. The Commissioner of School Education, A.P. has, therefore, requested to ensure issue implementation of orders for providing exemptions and concessions to the Children with Special Needs as proposed at column No.(3) of the above table duly suppressing the earlier orders issued vide G.Os in the references 1st and 2nd read above for the benefit of the CwSN, so as to enable the department to reduce the dropout rate of CwSN.

5. In the circumstances reported in the reference 3rd read above, as per the resolutions taken in the State Level Consultation meeting held on 09.10.2018 and after careful examination of the matter, in supersession of the orders issued in the G.Os 1st and 2nd read above, Government hereby order to provide common concessions and exemptions as mentioned at para (3) and also at column No.(3) of table above to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) so as to retain them in schools and to encourage them to complete their secondary education successfully.

6. The Commissioner of School Education, A.P. and the Director of Government Examinations, A.P. shall ensure implementation of the orders and issue directions to the officers concerned and shall accept the disabled certificates issued by the competent authorities before providing the concessions and exemptions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in SSC examinations and other examinations of classes VI to X.

7. All such certificates shall be verified and cross checked to ascertain genuineness of the certificates with the data available with RTGS. Commissioner of School Education, A.P. will ensure that no harassment is caused to the parents/guirdians of such CwSN.

8. The Commissioner of School Education, A.P. and the Director of Government Examinations, A.P. shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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